Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. S. C. Mallaiya.—

Have any arrangements been made to supply good buffaloes also to the raiyats?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not proposed at present. If it is found necessary later on, it will be considered.

MR. M. RAMEGOWDA (Chintamani Taluk).—

Q.—26. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) Whether the dry assessment in Kolar District is not higher than that of other districts?

(*b*) Whether there was not any public representation for reduction of rate?

(*c*) Whether an assessment committee was not constituted for this purpose?

(*d*) Whether the said committee met in Kolar or Chintamani?

(*e*) Whether the members did not communicate their opinion in the matter to the Chairman of the committee?

(*f*) Whether they are aware of this?

(*g*) Why has not the matter yet been settled?

(*h*) Whether it is not equitable to refund the excess recoveries made from the time of original settlement?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—26. (*a*) to (*h*) The report of the committee appointed to examine the rates of assessment in Kolar District has been received and the proposals made therein are under consideration.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Rame Gowda.—

How long will it take for Government to pass orders on the report of the committee?

Second Member of Council.—

It may take a few months more.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthiachar.—

When was the report received?

Second Member of Council.—

About a month back.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthiachar.—

What are the chief recommendations of the committee with regard to refunds?

Second Member of Council.—

I am sorry I cannot answer that question now.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthiachar.—

When will orders of Government be issued on the report?

Second Member of Council.—

As soon as possible.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Do the committee recommend any reduction of the rates of assessment at all ?

Second Member of Council.—

I am sorry I cannot answer that question.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

Are the Government going to supply copies of the report to the members of this Assembly ?

Second Member of Council.—

We do not propose to do so.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

If such important matters concerning all the people are thus kept secret, will it not be unfair to them ?

Second Member of Council.—

The orders of Government thereon will be published.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Did the Government peruse the report after this question was received ?

Second Member of Council.—

I am not prepared to answer that.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Have they perused the report ever since it was received?

Second Member of Council.—

Certainly.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Is the report treated as a confidential record ?

Second Member of Council.—

Till the orders of Government are passed on it, it is confidential. Afterwards, it may be published.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa —

Why has no answer been furnished to Question (*h*)?

Second Member of Council.—

Because it is a matter of opinion.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Will it be possible to pass orders on the report at least before the next Dasara Session of this House ?

Second Member of Council.—

If possible, we will do so.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Before final orders are passed, why should not scope be given for the expression of public opinion regarding the committee's recommendations ?

Second Member of Council.—

It is not proposed to follow that procedure.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa —

What is the use of any opinions that may be expressed afterwards ?

Second Member of Council.—

That is a different matter.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Will the orders be modified if public opinion is not in favour of them ?

Second Member of Council.—

That depends upon many circumstances.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Has it come to the notice of the Government that the local officers of the Kolar District conducted an economic survey as a result of representations made in this House ?

Second Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Has it come to the notice of the Government that the members who made those representations in this House were present in the taluks in which the survey was held ?

Second Member of Council.—

May or may not be.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Were they informed in advance that such a survey was going to be held ?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice about it.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Was it not necessary that they should have been given advance intimation ?

Second Member of Council.—

Government do not think so.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—

Has it come to their notice that there is an impression everywhere that the survey was not conducted properly ? If so, will they be prepared to reconsider the whole matter ?

Second Member of Council.—

They are not aware that there is any such opinion.

Mr. Bhaskarappa.—

Before the committee was appointed, did not some of the members of the Assembly request that they should be included as members ?

Dewan.—

That was not a very material consideration.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

What is the standard rate of assessment per acre of dry land in the Kolar District ?

Second Member of Council.—

I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

What is it in the Bangalore District ?

Second Member of Council.

Notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Who were the members of the committee ?

Second Member of Council.—

The Revenue Commissioner, the Superintendent of Survey and the Deputy Commissioner of the District.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

Were there no non-official members ?

Second Member of Council.—

No.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

How many meetings did the committee hold, what places did they visit and who were the non-official gentlemen they examined ?

Second Member of Council.—

Notice.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar.—

How many persons did they examine and how long did the enquiry last ?

Second Member of Council.—

Notice.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (*Resumed.*)

Special Committee for Examining the Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Representative Assembly.

With reference to the discussions on the previous day in connection with the statement furnished by Government regarding amendments to the Standing Orders of the Representative Assembly, the LAW SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT informed the House that it was proposed to appoint a Special Committee consisting of

1. Mr. D. S. Mallappa,
2. ,, Hosakoppa Krishna Rao,
3. ,, H. C. Dasappa,
4. Khan Bahadur Md. Abbas Khan,
5. Mr. Sylvester Pais,
6. ,, S. C. Mallaiya,
7. ,, P. Subbarama Chetty,
8. ,, B. S. Puttaswamy, and
9. The Government Advocate,

with the Third Member of Council as Chairman, to go into the question and submit a report. He added that if the members desired to suggest any other names they were free to do so.

MR. D. S. MALLAPPA suggested the inclusion of Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda's name, and MR. H. C. DASAPPA proposed the addition of Mr. K. Changalaraya Reddy's name.

Many OTHER MEMBERS stated that it would be better to select members from all the districts as far as possible.

THE THIRD MEMBER OF COUNCIL pointed out that when the question was brought up the previous day, the House was in favour of Government suggesting the names. As the committee should consist of people who had experience of Assembly work, a suitable selection had been made out of them. If, on the other hand, the House was particular that the members of the committee should be drawn from each district, the Government would have no objection.